Concessions and incentives to industries in rural areas

711. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to announce a package of further concessions and incentives to industries especially in rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government has been reviewing from time to time the progress of rural industrialisation and measures to promote the same. Recently, the following incentives have been announced:—

(i) Introduction of a special scheme for generation of self-employment in rural areas for specified products namely Radios, Cassette Players and Recorders in combination with Radios; Tape Recorders, Voltage Stabilisers, footwear of value upto Rs. 75 per pair and a few other items.

(ii) Reduction in Excise-duty from 20 per cent to 10 per cent *ad-valorem* in respect of certain hand tools like files, screw drivers, pliers for the benefit of the self-employed persons such as Carpenters, Fitters, Electricians, Plumbers etc.

(iii) Exemption from excise-duty on processed food items viz jams, jellies, fruit juices, sauces ketchups and pickles if manufactured in rural areas by registered cooperative societies, K.V.I.C. and State Khadi and Village Industries Boards.

(iv) Full exemption from Excise-duty on laundry and carbolic soaps manufactured in rural areas by co-operative and cottage and village industries sector.

(v) Establishment of industrial areas and estates at District head quarters and at certain selected talukas towards de-centralisation of industrial activity for generating rural employment, for tapping local resources etc.

Marketing of category II Drugs

712. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain organised sector drug units are marketing Category II products after getting them manufactured from small scale sector units without obtaining price approval;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these companies are selling these products at very high prices;

(c) whether his Ministry is aware of such mal-practices;

(d) if so, what are the names of the companies, names of the products, composition of each product along with price of each and strength of each product;

(e) whether such activities are allowed under DPCO, 1987 and subsequent notification of exemption of small scale units;

(f) if so whether his Ministry has issued notice to any company to either withdraw marketing or obtain price approval; and

(g) if so, what are the names of the companies along with names of products?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to